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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN. : ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH
(Based on PCT/JP00/05808)

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FOR: MASSAGING APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel Claims 1-38 without prejudice.~~

Please add new Claims 39-93 as follows:

~~--39. (New) A massaging apparatus comprising a supporting arm having a
therapeutic member pivotally supported thereon and movable along a body of a user, wherein
a position of a specific portion of the user with respect to the massaging apparatus is
determined from a relation between a vertical position of the supporting arm and a pivotal
position of the supporting arm.~~

40. (New) A massaging apparatus comprising a supporting arm having a therapeutic
member pivotally supported thereon and movable along a body of a user, and a pivotal-

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